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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th June 1871.

No. 293. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 30th May 1871, No. 615 :—

IN returning the original statement received with G. O., No. 121, dated 20th instant, I have the honour to report that the excess over the allotment under the head "Tools and Plant" was caused by the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Madura Range having included in the Progress Report for March 1871, in the column of expenditure, the sum of Rupees 418-15-3, which was debited by the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops *under the Controller's own instructions* (dated 31st March 1871) to the Range Officer in whose accounts it was to be adjusted, being cost of certain instruments repaired and supplied to this division.

2. It must be borne in mind that the transaction is purely a paper one, and that, as no money outlay has been incurred, the allotment has not in reality been exceeded; in fact, there was an actual saving of Rupees 23-6-6 on that allotment. It is customary for the office of the 8th Division to be in account with the 1st Range, Madura, and with that range only, and when a divisional transaction of the kind under notice occurs, there is no alternative but to follow the course pursued in the present instance, especially when distinct instructions are received from the Controller to charge the expenditure in question to "the Range Officer in whose accounts it is to be adjusted."

3. It was the Controller's duty, in accordance with the instructions contained in G. O., 4th October 1870, No. 2,394, to have given credit to the Range Officer for the amount in question. And I submit that it is very harassing to this office to be reported to Government for incurring an "unauthorized outlay," when a book adjustment of the kind under notice is made to wear this obnoxious appearance, in consequence of a want of due attention in the Controller's own office.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1871, No. 1,633.

ACCOUNT, No. 24.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division ought to be aware that, as the Presidency Workshop is a self-supporting institution, it is necessary that reimbursement should be made to the establishment for all work executed or supplies issued by it. This is done by means of cash payments in the case of private parties, and by transfer adjustments in that of Public Departments, and, in order that the Workshop may take credit for all values supplied to the Public Works Department as well as that the debits against the Budget heads of service may not exceed the grants of the year, a specific appropriation of funds should be made by the officer concerned.

2. In drawing the attention of Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts to the orders* passed on a similar case in connection with supplies to the Oossoor Range in the 5th Division, the Government hope that the necessity for first seeing that funds

* G. O., No. 1,618, dated 16th June 1871.

are in all cases available before demands are made on the Workshop will be distinctly impressed, by the Superintending Engineer, on officers in charge of ranges in the 8th Division.

3. The Government cannot close these Proceedings without noticing that the remarks contained in the concluding portion of the Superintending Engineer's letter are inappropriate. The Range Officer exceeded his authorized expenditure by obtaining stores from the Workshop without having the means of paying for them, the Controller, finding the allotment for the range exceeded, necessarily, and very properly, reported the same to Government, which he is required to do in every case of excess expenditure.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No 426

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
Madras, 15th May 1871.

From

THE CONTROLLER OF P. W. ACCOUNTS,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE.

SIR,

FOLLOWING the course prescribed in the Circular of the Accountant-General of the P. W. D., No. 9, dated 13th March 1871, I have the honour to submit (over leaf) a Statement of unauthorized outlay appearing in the Accounts of the Officer in charge of the Madura Range of the Madura District, for the month of 187 .

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. Hoch

Controller of P. W. Accounts.

Recd. C.L.

Statement of unauthorized outlay appearing in the Accounts of the M
for the month of Mar

Items.	~~Estimate.~~ Allotment	Total Expenditur up to the 31 March
Tools and Plant Ordinary		
New supplies, Repairs and Carriage	376-..-	772.14.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Madras, 15th May 1871.

Madura Range of the Madura District
March 1871.

Total Expenditure up to the 31 March/71	Grant for 1870/71	Expenditure in 1870-71 up to 31st March/71	Expenditure in March 1871	REMARKS.
772-14-9	376-..-..	772-14-9	480-2-9	The expenditure has exceeded the grant of Rupees 376-..-.. by Rupees 396-14-9. The Superintending Engineer has been requested to state whether the Range Officer had any authority for incurring outlay so greatly in excess of his allotment.

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Controller of Public Works Accounts.

P. W. 1871 Depart
No. 2235.

From

The Controller of
Public Works Accounts,

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 7th / Received 16th } May 1871.

No. 426

Submitting a Statement of unauthorized outlay in the Accounts of the Madura Range of the Madura District, for the month of March 1871.

8th Div.

Enclosure 1 In a letter
from the Supg. Engineer
S. Dn. to the Secretary
to Government D P W
dated 30th May 1871.
No. 615.

P. W. 2516/71

Statement of un:
:authorized outlay
in the accounts of the
Madura Range
of the Madura
District for the
month of March 1871.

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No. 615

Madura
30th May 1871

From

Lieut: Col: R. A. Roberts R.E.
Ag. Superintg Engineer 8th Dn

To

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government D.P.W.

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of certain instruments repaired and supplied to this Division.

2. It must be borne in mind that the transaction is purely a paper one, and that as no money outlay has been incurred, the allotment has not in reality been exceeded. in fact there was an actual saving of Rupees 28. 6. 6 on that allotment. It is customary for the Office of the 8th Division to be in account with the 1st Range Madura, and with that Range only, and when a Divisional transaction of the kind under notice occurs, there is no alternative but to follow the course pursued in the present instance, especially when distinct instructions are received from the Controller to charge the expenditure in question to "the Range "Officer in whose accounts it is to be "adjusted"

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your Most Obedient Servt.

Richd. Roberts Lieut. Col. H.E.
Ag. Superintg. Engineer 8th Dn.

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" 16 June /71 — 267-269

Public Works 1871 Department
From No 615 [illegible]
No 251
The Ag Supg Engineer
8th Dn

To
The Secretary to Govt
D P W

Dated 30th May 1871
Received 2nd June 1871

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Returns with the necessary explanation the original statement received with G O No 121 of 20th instant

No 1633 - 17th June /71

No 293
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No. 1603. P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr 8th Division

Dated

Recd.

Encl. 1

G. O. 17 June 1871, No. 1633.

Nos. 293 & 294

Unauthorized outlay. Passing orders on the letter from the Actg Exy Engr [illegible] 8th Dn explaining the circumstances under which the unauthorized outlay appeared in the accounts of the Madura Range for March/71.